

MEETING NOTES

NAME OF GROUP: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, June 28, 2001, 7:30 am, Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Jeff Searcy, David Hunter, and Thomas Laging
Others: Jerry Shorney (Parks & Recreation); Bob Ripley (Commission Staff); Ed Zimmer and Missy Minner (Planning Department)

STATED PURPOSE

OF THE MEETING: Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

NECO - Buildings at 17 & J Streets - Zimmer indicated these are hazardous buildings in their present condition. The probable removal of at least the corner property has been anticipated by the Environs District design standards. Commission guidelines require a redevelopment plan. A letter was received from NECO indicating that they hope to sell the properties to the State. The letter does not suffice as a redevelopment plan for the site.

Ripley added that the property is rectangular shaped and there is no alley access to this at all.

Zimmer suggested that if members want to give direction, they might use language indicating that this is a safety removal plan, but that would be as far as this could be taken. The Commission could also say that there is not sufficient information to approve the redevelopment.

Commission members present were in favor of removal of the buildings for safety reasons.

South Mall Improvements - Zimmer stated that the Near South Neighborhood is interested in street lighting. They are working with Urban Development and LES to come up with a plan and need direction on what the Commission would allow. Issues to be addressed include: design of the light and light pole, the light source, and the wattage.

Commission suggested the closest match to Lincoln Mall, 100 watt maximum with internal mechanisms to reduce sky shine.

Miscellaneous -

- Hunter requested that Lincoln Mall be put on the July agenda. The property owners in the area are willing to work to clean up the area and would like a proposal on doing so. Shorney agreed to provide an inventory of the area for the July meeting.
- Searcy suggested that the time of the July 26 meeting be adjusted to have a quorum present. It was agreed that the July 26 meeting will start at 8:30. The time change is for the July meeting only.